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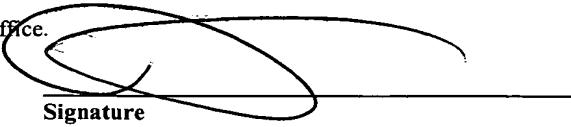
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## AMENDMENT OR RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION—TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.116) for this application.

*NOTE: Response to Final Rejection—Avoiding Extension Fees "In patent applications wherein a three month Shortened Statutory Period (SSP) is set for response to a Final Rejection, the response would best be filed within two months of the date of the Office Action. If filed within two months, any Advisory Action mailed after the SSP expires will reset the SSP to expire on the date of the Advisory Action for extension fee purposes, but never more than six months from the date of the Final Rejection." Notice of Nov. 30, 1990 (1122 O.G. 571 to 591).*

### STATUS

2. Applicant is

[ ] a small entity. A statement:  
[ ] is attached.  
[ ] was already filed.  
[✓] other than a small entity.

### EXTENSION OF TERM

*NOTE: As to a Supplemental Amendment filed in response to a final office action, the Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35) states:*

*"If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run."*

3. (complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) [ ] Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months checked below:

	Extension <u>(months)</u>	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
[✓]	one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
[ ]	two months	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
[ ]	three months	\$ 920.00	\$ 460.00
[ ]	four months	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 720.00

Fee: \$ 110.00

If additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

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(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

[ ] An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now  
requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

(b) [ ] Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

## FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col.1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee      OR      Rate      Addit. Fee
Total	*	Minus      **	=	x \$ 9 =      \$      x \$18 =      \$
Indep.	*	Minus      ***	=	x \$42 =      \$      x \$84 =      \$
[ ] First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim			+ \$140 = \$	+ \$280 = \$
			Total Addit. Fee      \$ _____	OR      Total Addit. Fee      \$ _____

- \* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "O" in Col. 3,
- \*\* If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".
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The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or Indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

**WARNING:** See 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

*(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)*

(c) [ ] No additional fee is required.

**OR**

(d) [✓] Total additional fee required is \$ 110.00.

### FEE PAYMENT

5. [✓] Attached is a check in the sum of \$ 110.00.  
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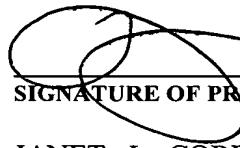
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6.  If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 12-0425

AND/OR

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